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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed July 18, 2003. Reconsideration and allowance of the application are respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 4 of this paper.